## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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EVINE BATTLE,

Petitioner,

v.

ORDER

BRIAN WILLIAMS, et al.,

Respondents.

On June 12, 2019, respondents filed a motion for extension of time asking for an additional 60 days within which to file their answer. ECF No. 9. Respondents filed their answer within the 60 day period (ECF No. 11), but filed a motion asking for an additional 7 days to file an index of exhibits in support of their answer. ECF No. 12. The index of exhibits was filed the following day. ECF Nos. 13-17. Respondents also filed a motion to seal certain exhibits. ECF No. 18.

Because all of respondents' motions are supported by good cause and are unopposed, they will be granted.

Petitioner's reply to respondents' answer was due October 11, 2019. See ECF No. 6. On November 6, 2019, petitioner filed a motion requesting a 45 day extension of time to file his reply. ECF No. 20. Because the motion was filed after the deadline,

petitioner is required to show that he "failed to act because of excusable neglect." See Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(B) and LR IA 6-1 of the Local Rules of Practice.

Petitioner alleges with his motion that he was unable to access the law library due to a prison lockdown that began in September. However, respondents have provided a declaration from the law library supervisor at petitioner's prison establishing that the lockdown did not begin until October 11, 2019, (the deadline for petitioner's reply) and that, in any case, it did not impact petitioner's ability to access the law library. ECF No. 22 at 6-7.

Petitioner has not filed a reply refuting this information. Petitioner did, however, file his reply to respondents' answer on November 12, 2019, only six days after filing his motion for a 45 day extension. Thus, while it disfavors petitioner's apparent misrepresentations in support of this motion, the court will allow the extension given that petitioner has not unduly delayed the proceedings herein.

**IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED** that the all pending motions for extensions of time (ECF Nos. 9, 12, 20) are GRANTED *nunc pro tunc* as of their respective filing dates.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents' motion to seal (ECF No. 18) is GRANTED.

DATED THIS 16 day of March, 2020.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE